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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. STANLEY MACEBUH, DAILY TIMES GROUP

1. DR. STANLEY MACEBUH, EDITORIAL ADVISOR TO THE DAILY TIMES GROUP OF NEWSPAPERS, VISITED WASHINGTON APRIL 26-27 FOR MEETINGS WITH AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE AND THE WASHINGTON POST.
2. HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE COVERED WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS DEALING WITH US-AFRICAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NIGERIA. HE SAID THAT SOME OF HIS QUESTIONS WERE INTENDED TO TEST VIEWS WIDELY HELD IN NIGERIA, E.G. THAT THE US IS REFUSING TO CONFRONT THE BASIC PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA--SOUTH AFRICA, THAT US ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DICTATE US POLICY, AND THAT THE US PRESS OVERPLAYS XENOPHOBIA IN NIGERIA. HE

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SEEMED TO BE CONTENT WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE'S REPLIES.

3. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR DR. MACEBUH WITH SECRETARY VANCE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG, OR HIGHER OFFICIALS, HE APPEARED TO APPRECIATE EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF BY THE DEPARTMENT, USUN, AND USIA. HE SAID HE WOULD BE STAYING IN THE US FOR TWO AND A HALF WEEKS, MOSTLY

IN NEW YORK CITY, WITH A SIDE TRIP TO CANADA. HE ARRIVED

IN THE US WITH THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE DAILY TIMES GROUP, DR. PATRICK COLE. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, DR. COLE SAID HE WOULD VISIT NEWFOUNDLAND AFTER NEW YORK CITY AND THEN ATTEND A NEWSPAPER CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

4. DR. MACEBUH TOLD AF/W THAT THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY TIMES WOULD PROBABLY VISIT THE US FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LATE JUNE. IN CONSPIRATORIAL TONES, HE SAID "WE" WOULD HAVE TO HELP EDUCATE THE EDITOR ABOUT THE US AND AWAY FROM HIS BRITISH PREJUDICES. HE PROMISED TO INFORM PAO HEDGES ABOUT THE EDITOR'S TRAVEL PLANS.

5. DR. MACEBUH ALSO SAID THAT THE TIMES GROUP WOULD PROBABLY RECRUIT A NIGERIAN WHO IS NOW IN THE US, GIVE HIM 4-5 MONTHS EXPERIENCE IN LAGOS, AND THEN BASE HIM IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON AS A US CORRESPONDENT. HE EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT THE DEMISE OF THE WESTERN PRESS CORPS IN NIGERIA AND THE CONSEQUENT REDUCTION OF NEWS ABOUT NIGERIA IN US MEDIA AND COMMENTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE WAYS FOR US AND NIGERIAN MEDIA TO EXCHANGE NEWS OR ASSIST EACH OTHER IN THE FUTURE. WHEN TOLD THAT A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER HAD FAILED TO OBTAIN MININFO CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL AROUND NIGERIA, HE SAID THAT WAS A REGRETTABLE MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH, HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT IT AT THE TIME, THE DAILY TIMES COULD HAVE EXPLAINED "TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE MINISTRY" AND HAD IT STRAIGHTENED OUT IN A MATTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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